AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [066] with the following amended paragraph:

[066] In coulometric Karl Fischer titration, the sample is added to a pyridine-methanol solution (with iodine and sulfur dioxide as principal components). The iodine, generated electrolytically at the anode, reacts with the water in the sample as shown in Formula (1).

$$I_2 + SO_2 + H_2O \rightarrow 2HI + [SO_2]\ \underline{SO_3} \qquad (1)$$

Please replace paragraph [081] with the following amended paragraph:

[081] The resins which can be used to provide the polyolefin resin, for example, include mono-olefin polymers of ethylene, propylene, butene or the like, or copolymers thereof as a main component. Typical examples of the polyolefin resin include polyethylene resins such as a low-density polyethylene, linear low-density polyethylene (ethylene-α-olefin copolymer), middle-density polyethylene and high-density polyethylene; polypropylene resins such as polypropylene and ethylene-[poly]propylene copolymer; poly(4-methylpentene); polybutene; ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer; and mixtures thereof. These polyolefin resins may be obtained by polymerization in a known way, e.g., by the use of a Ziegler catalyst, or obtained by the use of a single site catalyst such as a metallocene catalyst. Above all, polyethylene resins are preferable, and linear low-density polyethylene (ethylene-α-olefin copolymer) and low-density polyethylene are most preferable. Furthermore, in view of the moldability, the

stretchability and the like of the film, the melt index of the polyolefin resin is preferably in the range of about 0.5 to 5 g/10 min.

Please replace paragraph [104] with the following amended paragraph:

[104] Coated particles were produced in accordance with claim 2 at a coating level of 1.1% by weight with stearic acid. Using an ACM mill, it was demonstrated that the ACM mill operating conditions could decrease the level of interfering particles. Starting with a level of interfering particles of 0.527% by weight the mill was able to reduce the level of interfering particles to 0.01377% by weight and 0.00088% by weight by running the mill at 1000 rpm and 1800 rpm, respectively. Films formed using the various coated particulates showed an interfering particle count in the film of 13, 6 and 8, respectively.

Please replace paragraph [107] with the following amended paragraph:

[107] The calculation was carried out as follows:

$$\% \text{ retained} = \frac{(\text{Wt. of dish and retain} - \text{wt. of dish})}{\text{Sample Wt.}} \times 100$$

EXAMPLE: Sample wt. = 45.0 g

Weight of dish = 1.457 g

Weight of dish and retain = 1.907 g

$$\frac{(1.907 - 1.457)}{45.0} \times 100 = 0.01\% \text{ retained}$$

Mineral Properties

	Moisture Pick Up 24 hours [-]at 50% RH (%)	Microtrac Median (microns)	Microtrac Topcut (microns)	% Unreacted	Total Coating (%)
1	0.10%	1.69	7.78	0.23	1.18
2	0.06%	1.77	7.78	0.22	1.19